

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

February 19, 2004 – 11:30-1:00pm Central

Participants

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)

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Jiwan Gupta (Toledo)

Sue McNeil (UIC) *late*

Mark Vonderembse (Toledo)

Laura Franke (UW-Madison)

Corridor Map

The group received an updated version of the corridor roads prior to the conference call via the UW team. This map took into account all of the roads that the DOTs and researchers suggested. The map also took these roads to the farthest extent possible, usually the region's borders. The consensus was that there were a lot of roads and some "trimming" would probably be necessary.

What was agreed upon was that at the meeting on Friday (Toledo, Ohio, with Gupta, Vonderembse, Lindquist, and Kawamura participating), they would review the map and have a methodology for selecting the best ones in the corridor. One idea is to use GeoFreight to see if roads had a certain number or percentage of truck traffic on them and then use a cutoff.

Adams added that the administrative analysis would only be on the selected roads, so she is dependant on the outcome of this map.

Ontario roads are still to be added to the overall map. *This task was completed 2/25/04, with the addition of highways 401 and 402 in Ontario.*

Lindquist added comments on linear referencing, and Kawamura requested the shape files for the roads.

March Meeting

Revised agenda was presented and approved with minor change (switching of data and administrative/performance measures issues sessions on Tuesday). It was also decided that the research team would meet at **8am on Monday, March 29**. Possible topics:

- Key next product for region to work on
- TRB
- Reauthorization
- Outreach efforts
- Plans for upcoming meetings

The group may also decide to meet shortly with the steering committee after the larger meeting on Tuesday. This is unlikely, since many of the representatives will have travel obligations to meet.

The idea was discussed to include those topics from the steering committee meeting on Monday in the general session (last session) on Tuesday afternoon.

Identify Regional Product

Discussion revolved around the following topics:

- Planting the seed for the region
- No regulations
- What do we want to work on and what do we want them to work on?
- Regional freight model
- Resource sharing

Other

Vonderembse to send Gordon a draft outline for the OTEC presentation. An abstract is due on March 19, 2004.

Gordon will be presenting at the Transportation Research Forum on Monday, March 22.

UIC to get rail data from the CREATE plan (Chicago rail project).

Adjourn (12:30pm Central)

Next conference call scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 11:30-1:00pm Central.